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COUNTRY Greece

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SUBJECT

Lack of Greek Army Materiel

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1. A Greek General Staff major, in discussing the army's slowness in achieving good organization, efficiency and morale throughout the 100,000-man army which was the goal two years ago, stated that a good part of this must be attributed to the fact that poor, used materiel is being supplied by the British in cases where materiel is received. In many cases there are vital and critical shortages. He mentioned that two out of every three field artillery pices supplied bear serious defects rendering the guns useless without extensive repair or remanufacture.

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note:

There have been complaints that no anti-aircraft weapons have been supplied the Greeks, even as a sample; that units in the field are being surprised and annihilated by armed bands; and that frontier posts have to hold out alone for days at a time, when attacked, because no adequate provision has been made for voice-radio or W/T communication between even the larger field units.

2. The Greek Government, following the refusal of the British Government to supply additional arms claimed by the Greeks to be necessary in their fight against the armed leftist bands, tried to obtain the needed arms from Spain. The British learned of the effort, and took effective steps to neutralize it.

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